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EUROPE

1. **THE NETHERLANDS:** Optimism reported growing-- According to US Ambassador Chapin in The Hague, the Dutch "are now all for the Schuman plan," which they welcome as a contribution to the integration of Western Europe. Chapin believes that the Dutch, who have replaced their traditional neutrality with a new willingness to participate in international affairs, now exhibit a more positive feeling in regard to the future of the Netherlands and of Western Europe. The Dutch are now more optimistic that European civilization can survive, and they are eager and ready to play their part in the integration which they believe to be essential to this survival.

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2. **INDONESIA:** Parliament favors Ho Chi Minh--US Ambassador Cochran in Djakarta, in reporting the interest of the Indonesian Parliament in the problem of Vietnamese independence, notes the existence of a "genuine, albeit misguided," Indonesian sentiment strongly favoring the Ho Chi Minh regime in Indochina. Cochran estimates that if a choice were demanded in terms of retaining Western assistance or pursuing an independent foreign policy, the Indonesian Parliament would favor support for Ho. The Ambassador points out that parliamentary pressure was recently exerted for immediate recognition of the Ho regime and that Indonesian Premier Hatta was successful at that time in substituting a resolution favoring study of the problem of independence for the people of Vietnam, as well as a possible inter-Asian conference to find a solution for the Indochina conflict.

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